

Office of Community Services (OCS)
Programs to Strengthen Marriages and Families:

COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANTS: HEALTHY MARRIAGE
MESSAGE, SOMERSET, NJ

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this program is to strengthen community-based approaches to Marriage Education and strengthen families in impoverished communities.

In Somerset, NJ, the First Baptist Community Development Corporation (CDC), using a curriculum called *Marriage Build*, is educating 20-25 at-risk African American couples. Couples take part in a monthly *Couples Roundtable*, partnering with a service coordinator from an existing family support system.

GRANT RECIPIENT(S): Baptist Community Development Corporation

PROJECT PERIOD: October 1, 2003

PROJECT FUNDING: \$40,000 for one year